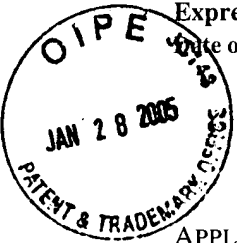


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PETITION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time for replying to the Office Action, which was mailed on August 26, 2004, in connection with above-identified application. With the extension, the reply is due on or before January 26, 2005.

Please charge \$225 (small entity) petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) or any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 502648, reference number Cura-59CON. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed

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